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The House met at 11 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. SHAW].

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,

December 7, 1995.

I hereby designate the Honorable E. CLAY SHAW, JR., to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

Bishop Dwight Pate, Church Point Ministries, Baton Rouge, LA, offered the following prayer:

God the Father and Creator of mankind, on this seventh day of December, nineteen hundred and ninety-fifth year of our Lord, we come with thanksgiving in our heart, and a mouth full of praise for You allowing us another day to carry out Your appointments on this Earth.

We acknowledge here in this great House that every good and perfect gift comes from the Father of light. Grant unto us knowledge and wisdom to judge ourselves. Grant unto us the understanding to govern our daily affairs.

Touch our hearts to be true laborers together for the cause of uniting the Nation. Because where there is unity there is strength. Let Your counsel of freedom flow like rivers of anointed oil for where Your spirit is there is always liberty. Amen, amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Mr. GUTKNECHT. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the Chair's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. GUTKNECHT. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 5, rule I, further proceedings on this question are postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. LINDER] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. LINDER led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundegran, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed with an amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 660. An act to amend the Fair Housing Act to modify the exemption from certain familial status discrimination prohibitions granted to housing for older persons.

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the amendment of the House to the bill (S. 790) "An Act to provide for the modification or elimi-

nation of Federal reporting requirements" with an amendment.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 99-83, the Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, appoints Rabbi Chaskel Besser, of New York, E. William Crotty, of Florida, and Ned Bandler, of New York, to the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The Chair will entertain twenty 1-minute speeches on each side.

### WELCOME TO BISHOP DWIGHT PATE

(Mr. FIELDS of Louisiana asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FIELDS of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise this morning to introduce to the House and to the American people a man who has had a great impact on many lives through his good work, his teaching, and his message of good will.

Bishop Dwight Pate is from my home of Baton Rouge, LA, where he leads Church Point Ministries, a large church of over 4,000 members, as well as an academy where teaching prepares and inspires many people who have lost their way to live meaningful and good lives. Homeless people, those addicted to drugs, and all who have lost their way in our society can find the path to healing through Bishop Pate's ministry. Bishop Pate's hard work has built an institution that is invaluable to his community, and his teaching has healed and inspired. His ministry brings his community together for worship and dedication to make their lives better.

His work is the work that helps make America great. I want to thank Bishop

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